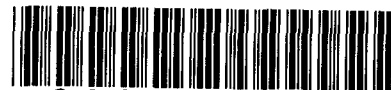


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# Memo

Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
E-01750A-10-0453

**To:** Docket Control  
**From:** Office of Chairman Gary Pierce  
**Date:** 11/22/2011  
**Re:** Docket filing for Sierra Club communications

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Good Afternoon,

Chairman Pierce's office has received 114 substantially identical email communications regarding Mohave Electric Cooperative's waste to energy issue. The communications were generated by the Sierra Club. Attached is a copy of a sample of the email and a list of constituent's names that were used.

From: Sierra Club [information@sierracub.org] on behalf of Christine Johnson [cj285@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 6:48 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Oppose Mohave Electric Waste-to-Energy Proposal - Docket No E-01750A-10-0453

Nov 17, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

I am writing to ask you to please reject the application from Mohave Electric Cooperative to seek a waiver or a pilot project for a waste-to-energy plant.

Allowing the burning of municipal solid waste to be included as a renewable energy resource will displace much cleaner and more responsible renewable energy resources, including solar and wind. There is no innovative technology involved with this facility, although many details are still lacking, so this waste-to-energy project does not qualify as a pilot project. It should not be granted a waiver, either, because there has been no demonstration of the need for such a waiver by the applicant and the project is inconsistent with the goals of the Renewable Energy Standard.

I am also concerned about the air pollution this facility would generate, especially if it is located in the Phoenix Nonattainment Area for ozone and particulates, as Mohave Electric Cooperative has indicated. While the details on the location are also not available, the applicant has indicated that it will be located west of Surprise and that it will be in the nonattainment area. Incinerators emit hazardous air pollutants, such as mercury, compounds that contribute to the formation of ozone, and many others.

If approved, this facility and others like it could have a negative impact on efforts both to reduce waste and to promote recycling. Recycling is well-established in many of the Phoenix-area communities, and there are ongoing efforts to expand programs to include more multiple family dwellings, as well as businesses, in order to increase the amount of waste that is diverted from landfills. This facility could hinder those efforts and take our communities backward by allowing materials that could otherwise be recycled to be fed into this facility.

I urge you to reject both the waiver and the proposed pilot program and to instead keep our Renewable Energy Standard focused on solar, wind, and other clean resources. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Christine Johnson  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-8277

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